

EXHIBIT 2

RIMS searched for Items from Multiple Sources

'989 Patent
3:18-28

Inventory portions of database 20 includes data describing the items and quantities thereof available at a particular Distributor warehouse 30 and at other Distributor warehouses. Other portions of database 20 includes item records for each Product regularly sold by the Distributor. Each item record preferably includes information such as Distributor's catalog or part number for the Product, Distributor's list price, Distributor's current cost, Distributor's supplier (vendor) for the Product and a code identifying the Product as part of a product grouping to be treated similarly for customer discounting purposes.

Items from Distributor

'989 Patent
3:32-37

As described below, database 20 may contain cross-references from Distributor's catalog number to its vendor's part number and to similar catalog numbers of other suppliers or distributors for the same Product, either as a part of the item record, in a separate cross-reference file or both.

Items from “other suppliers or distributors”

'989 Patent
3:62-4:3

Host database 20 also includes data regarding Distributor's cost prices and vendors for items from third-party suppliers 37 and 38 which are regularly distributed by Distributor to its customers. Host database 20 also includes data regarding items from third-party suppliers 39 whose products the Distributor does not routinely supply to its customers. Distributor may elect to stock in Distributor warehouse 30 some or all of the items of a particular vendor of either type 38 or of type 39.

Items from third-party suppliers

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TV/2 teaches combining TV/2 with order entry and inventory management systems

You can also create a 'shopping list' just by selecting items and passing that list to another application. For example, you might select parts to be ordered from the exploded drawing in a parts catalogue. The parts list could then be sent directly to your parts ordering system - all without moving from your PS/2.

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Some of the possibilities...

Technical Viewer/2 is suitable for a whole range of uses and industries in which information is supplied in large quantities and updated regularly, and where users need fast access to precise details. Potential uses include:

- Distributing large volumes of data conveniently on CD-ROM
- Ensuring documentation is kept up to date, because changes to the CD can be held on the hard disk of the PS/2
- Integrating parts catalogues with dealers' computer systems such as order entry, inventory management and customer records

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RIMS was an Order Entry and Inventory Management System

- The RIMS ('989) Patent states that: "This invention generally relates to systems for requisition and inventory management." 1:5-7
- RIMS is a requisition system, which will generally "process purchase orders for items and track inventory." 1:4-17
- Therefore, RIMS is the kind of system that TV/2 teaches should be integrated with TV/2
- Further, both RIMS and TV/2 were implemented on the same IBM OS/2 operating system